COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS State Building Code (780 CMR) Appeals Board Board's Ruling on Appeal¹

Docket No. 08-638

Appellant(s): Timothy Gingras

VZ. Appellee(s): City/Town of Charlton

Curtis Meskus

Procedural History

This matter came before the State Building Code Appeals Board ("Board") on the Appellant's appeal filed pursuant to 780 CMR 122.1. In accordance with 780 CMR 122.3, the Appellant requested that the Board grant him a variance from 780 CMR 1011.4, for 462 Worcester Road, Charlton, MA a.k.a. Happy Tails Pet Resort. In accordance with GL c. 30A, §§10 & 11; GL c. 143, §100; 801 CMR 1.02 et. seq.; and 780 CMR 122.3.4, the Board convened a public hearing on September 23, 2008 where all interested parties were provided with an opportunity to testify and present evidence to the Board.

The Appellant appeared for the hearing pro se. Curtis Meskus and others were present as well as shown on the sign in sheet that is on file with the Department of Public Safety.

Discussion

A motion was made to grant the Appellant's request for a variance from 780 CMR 1011.4, and allow relief from a one-hour corridor rating, 20-minute rated doors, and self closing devices on the subject property and its intended use as a kennel/daycare for dogs and cats, because both the Building and Fire Departments have no objection to the granting of the variance. There was a second on the motion and a board vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Conclusion

The Appellant's request for a variance from 780 CMR 1011.4, is hereby granted and so ordered² on this date: September 23, 2008.

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²In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §14, any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to the Superior Court within 30 days after the date of this decision.

¹ This is a concise version of the Board's decision. You may request a full written decision within 30 days of the date of this decision. Requests must be in writing and addressed to: Department of Public Safety, State Building Code Appeals Board, Program Coordinator, One Ashburton Place, Room 1301, Boston, MA 02108